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SUBJECT: BOUTEFLIKA CONDEMNS SHARM EL-SHEIKH BOMBINGS

In a condolence message sent to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak July 23, President Abdelaziz Bouteflika condemned the July 23 attacks in Sharm El-Sheikh, which he described as a "barbaric act." He expressed Algeria's solidarity with Egypt in his message: "It is a painful tragedy which has befallen Egypt's security, people, and guests and killed innocent civilians, Egyptians, Arabs and foreigners. In condemning this barbaric act, which does not value human life and does not give consideration to the minimum religious, moral and human values, we assure you of our true and sincere solidarity with you, and stand beside the Egyptian people at this painful time.... We reiterate our determination to continue the fight against terrorism and uproot it from our forgiving and moderate societies. I would like on this terrible occasion to express on behalf of the Algerian people and myself our deepest condolences to the families of the innocent victims, praying for God to save Egypt from any harm."

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